

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An adaptive saddle for use on a horse with handicapped, disabled, and injured riders, comprising:

5 a saddle body having a front attachment point and a rear least one attachment point thereon; and

a support assembly releasably attached to one of said front and rear attachment points, said support assembly adapted to provide support to a handicapped, disabled, or injured rider.

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2. The adaptive saddle according to claim 1 including a vertically extending support member having a lower end engaging said one of said first and second attachment points.

3. The adaptive saddle according to claim 2 including a trunk pad slidably mounted  
15 on said support member.

4. The adaptive saddle according to claim 2 including a pair of forearm pads removably and adjustably attached to said support member.

20 5. The adaptive saddle according to claim 2 including a headrest adjustably attached to said support member.

6. The adaptive saddle according to claim 2 including a pair of handgrip assemblies removably and adjustably attached to said support member.

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7. The adaptive saddle according to claim 2 including a transverse frame member removably and adjustably attached to said support member.

8. The adaptive saddle according to claim 7 including a pair of arm members  
30 removably and adjustably attached to said frame member.

9. The adaptive saddle according to claim 8 including a forearm pad removably and adjustably attached to each of said arm members.

5        10. The adaptive saddle according to claim 8 including a handgrip assembly removably and adjustably attached to each of said arm members.

11. An adaptive saddle for use on a horse with handicapped, disabled, and injured riders, comprising:

10        a saddle body having a front attachment point and a rear attachment point thereon;  
a support member releasably retained in one of said front and rear attachment points;  
and  
at least one body supporting device releasably and adjustably attached to said support member to provide support to a handicapped, disabled, or injured rider.

15        12. The adaptive saddle according to claim 11 wherein said at least one body supporting device is one of a trunk pad, an arm member, a forearm pad, a handgrip assembly and a headrest.

20        13. An adaptive saddle for use on a horse with handicapped, disabled, and injured riders, comprising:

a saddle body having at least one attachment point thereon; and  
a support assembly releasably retained by said at least one attachment point, said support assembly including a vertical support member, a trunk pad selectively  
25        movable along said support member, and a pair of arm members attached to and extending outwardly from said support member.

14. The adaptive saddle according to claim 13 including a forearm pad attached to each of said arm members.

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15. The adaptive saddle according to claim 14 wherein said forearm pads are movably attached to said arm members.

16. The adaptive saddle according to claim 13 including a handgrip assembly  
5 attached to each of said arm members.

17. The adaptive saddle according to claim 16 wherein said handgrip assemblies are movably attached to said arm members.

10 18. The adaptive saddle according to claim 13 including a headrest attached to said support member.